

## HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1019

Introduced by: Representatives Gillespie and Broderick and Senator Albers

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Virgil Fodness of Lennox for receiving the Frederick G. Simonton Award for his service to rural life.

WHEREAS, few South Dakotans have served their rural community with more diligence and dedication than Virgil Fodness who began farming in 1940, representing rural interest locally, regionally, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Virgil was a member of the Lincoln County Planning Board for twenty-nine years and chairman of the board for ten years, a member of the Lincoln County Economic Development Association Board, president of the Lincoln-Union Electric Cooperative Board for fourteen years, elected as president of the East River Board of Directors for sixteen years, president of the Mid-West Board, and a member and vice president of the Board of the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Virgil has been married to his wife, Ardis, for fifty-five years with whom he raised three children, and now has nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, all of whom have provided Virgil with support and encouragement throughout his life:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Virgil Fodness be recognized as a recipient of the Frederick G. Simonton Award for his service to rural life.